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# Galbraith Predicts War On Humbug

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Economist John Kenneth Galbraith predicted yesterday a revolution the world has been waiting for since Eve got conned by the serpent.

"I think we are on the edge of a minor but highly salutary revolution," announced the Harvard professor. "A revolution against humbug, and in favor of saying what ought to be said, regardless of what awesome power or personage is in the line of fire."

Galbraith, former Ambassador to India under the Kennedy Administration, spoke at a Book and Author Luncheon sponsored by The Washington Post at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

It used to be that writers who wanted to find fault with what was going on around them took on society as a whole, he said. This was safe, because society as a whole isn't going to sue.

But now, we have writers who name their targets, who scoff "at the most awesome pretense" and propose "the most disagreeable and effective solutions."

Galbraith wants our public servants to face up to the challenge of humbug and quit worrying about our fringe thinkers.

"What we want," said Galbraith, "is a society in which the most horrid noises come



From left, authors Allen W. Dulles, John Kenneth Galbraith and Ellen Proxmire, speakers at the event, chat with Man-

aging Editor Alfred Friendly of The Washington Post at yesterday's Book and Author luncheon at the Statler Hilton.

first from the most sensible people. Their reaction must be first on men's minds. The public servant or elected official must never be allowed to imagine that his principal danger is from the communicants of the John Birch Society."

Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, who has written a book, "The Craft of Intelligence," based on his half-century of experience as

a diplomat, lawyer and intelligence officer, recalled his first book, written in 1902, when he was eight years old.

His father had it published privately, and it went into several editions. It was a 31-page history of the Boer War and was reviewed by The Washington Post and several other newspapers.

Dulles' father, who disagreed with practically everything his son said about the Boer War, saw to it that the little book came out with his son's spelling, which was inventive, and wrong.

Ellen Proxmire, wife of Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.), author of "One Foot in Wash-

ington," an account of the trials and joys of being a Senator's wife, came up with a recipe for a good legislator.

Besides everything else, she said, he needs great intelligence, great physical endurance, and plenty of patience and forbearance. And, perhaps most of all, he needs a sense of humor. If he can't laugh at what's happening to him, he's had it, she said.